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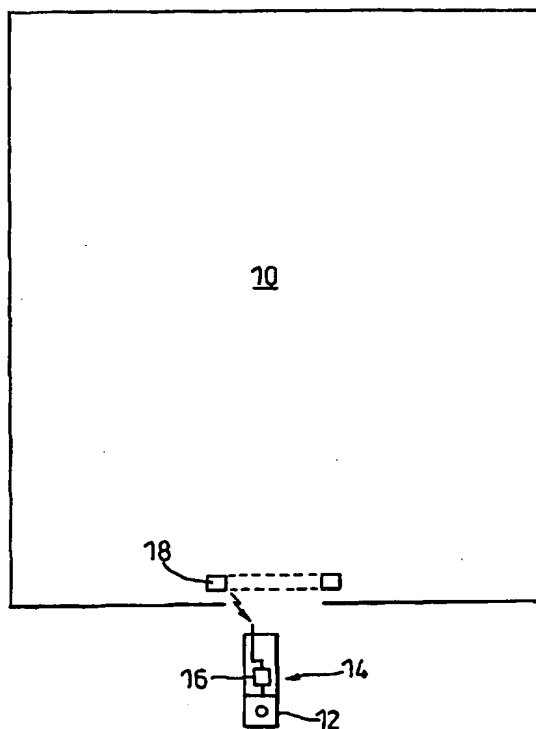
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(57) Abstract: A system for controlling usage of a portable digital device (14) having an audio and/or image data recording or capture function (12). Operation of said data recording or capture function is inhibited when the portable digital device is located in a specific geographic location or region (10).

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1. claims: 1-24,29-31

Method, portable digital device, system and base station, wherein usage of a portable digital device having an audio and/or image data recording or capture feature is controlled by inhibiting operation of said feature when the device is located in a specific geographic location (prohibited zone).  
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2. claim: 25

Method of controlling usage of a portable digital device, comprising detecting operation of a data recording or capture function of the device and preventing and/or modifying a normal store and/or transmission operation relating to the captured data.  
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3. claim: 26

Method of controlling transmission of data, wherein source-identifying data is broadcasted to a specific geographical location, attempted transmission of data including the source-identifying data is detected, and the attempted transmission is prevented and/or modified.  
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4. claim: 27

Method of storing data relating to devices detected as being present in a specific geographical location/region and transmitting marketing data to the devices.  
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5. claim: 28

Method of disabling a data capture function of a portable device, wherein disconnection of the device from the network is detected, and a normal store and/or transmission operation relating to the captured data is prevented and/or modified upon said disconnection.  
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6. claim: 32

Method of controlling usage of a portable digital device including a data recording or capture function that is normally disabled, comprising enabling operation of said function when the device is located within a predetermined geographic location.  
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7. claim: 33

Method for capturing security information relating to a portable digital device which includes an imaging device, wherein operation of said imaging device is enabled in response to an enabling signal from a central station.

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